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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3520), the Federal Communications Commission invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of

information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid

OMB control number.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or

before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE

FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments,

but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should

advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Submit your PRA comments to Benish Shah, Federal Communications

Commission, via the Internet at Benish.Shah@fcc.gov. To submit your PRA comments

by email send them to: PRA@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benish Shah, Office of Managing

Director, (202) 418-7866.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0953.

Title: Sections 95.1111 and 95.1113, Frequency Coordination/Coordinator, Wireless

Medical Telemetry Service.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 3,000 respondents; 3,000 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-4 hours.

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Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Total Annual Burden: 12,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$600,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: No information is requested that would require assurance of confidentiality.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to OMB as an

extension (there has been an adjustment in the reporting, recordkeeping requirements and/or third party disclosure requirements, the number of respondents/operators increased from 2,728 to 3,000, therefore, the annual burden and cost has also increased) after this 60 day comment period to obtain the full three-year clearance from them.

On June 12, 2000, the Commission released a Report and Order, ET Docket No. 99-255, FCC 00-211, which allocated spectrum and established rules for a "Wireless Medical Telemetry Service" (WMTS) that allows potentially life-critical equipment to operate in an interference-protected basis. Medical telemetry equipment is used in hospitals and health care facilities to transmit patient measurement data such as pulse and respiration rate to a nearby receiver, permitting greater patient mobility and increased comfort. The Commission designated a frequency coordinator, who maintains a database of all WMTS equipment. All parties using equipment in the WMTS are required to coordinate/register their operating frequency and other relevant technical operating parameters with the

designated coordinator. The database provides a record of the frequencies used by each

facility or device to assist parties in selecting frequencies to avoid interference. Without

a database, there would be no record of WMTS usage because WMTS transmitters will

not be individually licensed. The designated frequency coordinator has the responsibility

to maintain an accurate engineering database of all WMTS transmitters, identified by

location (coordinates, street address, building), operating frequency, emission type and

output power, frequency range(s) used, modulation scheme used, effective radiated

power, number of transmitters in use at the health care facility at the time of

registration, legal name of the authorized health care provider, and point of contact for

authorized health care provider. The frequency coordinator will make the database

available to WMTS users, equipment manufacturers and the public. The coordinator will

also notify users of potential frequency conflicts.

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Secretary.

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